



## **President's Letter** July 2009

Be sure to attend the July 16 meeting with Don Olsen as our demonstrator. He will be demonstrating bowls and sculptural designs. Don moved to Lincolnton, North Carolina in 1993 and has been working with native hardwoods and turning full-time. He has demonstrated at club meetings, industry shows, local symposiums and the AAW National symposiums in 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2005. Don has instructed others in woodturning, and has taught at The Icehouse Center for Craft and Creativity in Davidson, NC. His creations have won numerous awards from area art shows and exhibits, he has pieces in collections around the country, and he has been accepted into international juried exhibits.

The AAW Symposium in Albuquerque, New Mexico was great. There were 1300+ registered attendees. There were many beautiful creative pieces in the gallery. I attended the President's meeting and was impressed with the AAW board. They seem to be very dedicated to the advancement of woodturning.

Educational opportunities were great with approximately 150 rotations with fantastic demonstrators in many categories. Nick Cook was a very popular demonstrator. I visited one of his rotations on pepper mills where there was standing room only. I would like to encourage all GAW members that are not already AAW members to join.

I would like to remind everyone of the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Ga. starting October 10. The deadline for entry is September 1, 2009. For those of you who have youths 10 - 18 years of age don't forget the youth program. Please encourage them to start work on a piece to enter.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month.

Danny

## **Things of Interest to Members**

Reminder !!!! Club Symposium **Turning Southern Style XV** at Unicoi registration by August first.

Georgia National Fair News  
20th Annual Georgia National Fair  
"20 Years of Georgia's Best"  
Oct. 8-18, 2009

October 23-25, 2009  
Greensboro NC

On behalf of the NC Woodturning Symposium Board of Directors, we invite you to attend the 2009 NC Woodturning Symposium. The AAW chapters in North Carolina have joined forces to plan an exceptional symposium including 17 international and regional demonstrators. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! We look forward to meeting you in Greensboro.

\*Demonstrators include\*:

Allen Batty  
Stewart Batty  
Jimmy Clewes  
Ray Key  
Stewart Mortimer  
Chris Ramsey  
Nick Cook  
John Jordan

With many more regional and local demonstrators planned.

\*Demonstrator line up subject to change\*

Please checkout and register on our website at [www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com)

Vendor sign ups happening now. Space awarded on a first received, first awarded basis. Check must be received to ensure your place in booth choice.

Don't miss out on one of the most wonderful line-ups of demonstrators on the east coast in 2009.

Attendance in 07' was 327 attendees, and 14 vendors. Our goal in 09' is to achieve 400+ attendees, and 20 vendors. We are asking vendors to donate to the raffle and auction if possible. Any donations are accepted and your company will be announced during the banquet.

All questions should be directed to [lbbunn3@hotmail.com](mailto:lbbunn3@hotmail.com).

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### **Newsletter input request**

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Any newsletter to be published is only as good as input received. Therefore, I solicit members input (Articles, News items, suggestions, etc.) to make this newsletter serve GAW members as a form of communication. I want woodturning articles, tips, product reviews and any other building blocks of content that you may have to share. Contact the editor at the above email address

## **Upcoming Club Activities**

### **Turning Southern Style XV**

GAW's 15th annual symposium will be held this year on Sept 18 - 20, 2009 at Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, GA. Featured turners include Bill Grumbine from Pennsylvania, Art Liestman from British Columbia, and Al Stirt from Vermont. Also demonstrating will be Nick Cook, Wes Jones, Joe Gettys, and Dave Barriger. Please visit the website for more info at [www.gawoodturner.org/symposium.shtml](http://www.gawoodturner.org/symposium.shtml) or contact Harvey Meyer at [symposium@gawoodturner.org](mailto:symposium@gawoodturner.org).

### **GAW Club Demonstrator schedule**

May thru July meetings is as follows:

July - Don Olsen  
September – Al Stirt

### **AAW SECTION**

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

### **A message from Jean LeGwin with the AAW**

I am asking for your participation in our journal *American Woodturner*. The journal offers many things packaged neatly between two paper covers: it records our history, showcases our work, discusses techniques and tools for producing our work, offers us projects to improve our skills, and critiques the work of our professionals. It is a large and complex undertaking to try and satisfy our diverse membership.

Our journal is a member driven publication and is dependent on your participation not just as a reader, but also as a contributor. We welcome your input in creating content that represents interests of all segments of the membership. If you do not see the type of articles or work that you think should be included in the journal, please write and let Betty Scarpino or a board member know. Better yet, write an article yourself on a subject that is near and dear to you. If you believe that you are not a writer, partner with someone who can work with you to put your thoughts and ideas on paper. That person may be your spouse, a friend, or another club member. If you have a project that you have developed, or a technique you would like to share, take some step-by-step photos of your process and write a set of instructions that will allow others to do the same. [Here is a link](#) that explains what you need to do to provide.

If you have an idea you would like to discuss with Betty before you proceed, she can be reached [by clicking here](#). She will be happy to talk with you about how you might translate your idea into a publishable piece.

Finally, many of us have made a jig to make a task easier, stumbled on a shortcut to speed up production, found interesting storage solutions for tools and other turning paraphernalia, made tools

for a particular task, and discovered general tips to help us in our shops and with our turning. You get the idea. Please share those with the rest of us in our Tips section. Send your [email tip](#) to John Lucas or by snail mail at or 529 1st Avenue North, Baxter, TN 38544. You may be rewarded with seeing it in print *and* a check for \$35.

## **Journal Resources**

For those of you who are looking for more projects, I'd like to remind you that the AAW has some wonderful project books available with projects for all skill levels. Five books are now available covering the period from 1987–2004. Check out the contents of the individual books [through this link](#)

Like a bargain? Have a look at the *American Woodturner* back issue collection on CD. Every issue of the journal from 1986 to 2006 is available on the three-CD set. They contain an amazing amount of very useful information on tool making, projects of all types, techniques, articles on design, and much, much more. Each CD has a searchable PDF index that let's you find a listing; click on any index entry and the article opens to that page. It makes finding that project you need incredibly easy. Everything is also printable so you can print the pages you need and take out to the shop. At \$32 each, you can have all the major articles from *American Woodturner* at your fingertips. [Here's the link](#) for more information.

## **EOG Auction**

The EOG auction this year will offer something new and exciting—absentee bidding. There are some amazing pieces waiting to be auctioned off. You can preview many on our website by [clicking here](#). It's a stunning collection! Those of you who will not be able to join us in Albuquerque can still participate from the comfort of your couch by using the Absentee Bidding Registration Form [available here](#). Complete it, scan it and include it as an email attachment, or send it to us via FAX per instructions on the form. By doing so, you authorize an AAW staff member to bid on your behalf up to the maximum amount you specify for each of your selected items. For security purposes, you may leave the credit card fields blank and we'll call you for that information. Please do not mail your forms. Your emailed form must be received no later than June 15th, 2009 at 4PM CST.

The EOG auction is just one of the many, many reasons to attend the symposium in Albuquerque. We will be featuring 49 demonstrators doing 168 rotations, the most exciting and largest instant gallery you will ever see anywhere, and the world's largest woodturning trade show where you can see the latest and greatest in turning tools, tons (literally) of wood, and lathes from many manufacturers. We'll also offer a Youth Turning Program where we will be offering instruction to youngsters ten through seventeen. Youth registration is free when accompanied by a registered adult. So bring your kids and/or grandkids and /or your neighbor's kids! Some of the lucky youngsters will be going home with a complete turning station of lathe, tools, chuck, and safety equipment complements of our generous sponsors. We hope to see you there!

Jean LeGwin  
AAW Board Member &  
Publications Chair

**Call for 2010 Demonstrators** Interested in demonstrating at the AAW's 2010 symposium? Watch for announcements in the journal and on the website. The 2010 symposium, to be held in Hartford, CT is the AAW's largest annual event and generally attracts more than 1,000 woodturners. For more information contact the AAW offices at 651-484-9094 or [email](#).

**Membership Survey** The AAW is considering putting out a survey to the membership. What areas of concern would you like to see addressed in a survey. We can discuss ideas at the membership meeting or email them to [Dale Larson](#).

**Chapter Collaborative** I would encourage you to think ahead to next year and organize your local chapter members to participate in the Chapter Collaborative turning project for the symposium. It can take time to come up with an idea, draw up the plans and coordinate the turning. The rewards are amazing. It can really bring a local chapter together. The project encourages creativity and comraderie. *And you get to vote* on the best of the show at the symposium.

**Call for Volunteer** AAW is developing a marketing plan to cover all aspects of our organization. We are looking for someone with expertise and experience in the marketing field. Please forward this message on to your local chapter members and have them contact [Mary Lacer](#) if they are interested in helping AAW promote woodturning.

**Gallery of Wood Art** We are currently exhibiting "CODAchrome A Snapshot of Craft in America" which will continue through August 7, 2009. This is a selection of art and fine craft works in many media: fiber, wood, ceramics, jewelry, paper and more. This exhibit celebrates the work being done by the many craft associations, schools, galleries and guilds that provide support, education and exposure to artists. Learn more at [www.codacraft.org](http://www.codacraft.org)

The "*Spindles*" exhibit is closing and being packed to travel to the Albuquerque symposium where items will be placed in the POP auction. At the symposium "*Spirit of the Southwest*" will be exhibited. From there it will travel to our Gallery of Wood Art, showing September 14th to December 21st.

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## **Contact Information**

For your local chapter events or topics of interest please send information to:

[Dale Larson](#) or [Linda Ferber](#)

## **DVD/Video Tape Library**

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has instructional videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. A full list of the videos is shown on our website. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. Rentals are limited to 2 tapes or DVDs per month, and the items must be returned the following month. Late fees of \$2.00 per month will be assessed for each item not returned on time. New titles are being added every month!

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## **Woodturning Schools**

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org)

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org)

Highland Woodworking [www.highlandwoodworking.com](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com)

Appalachian Center for Crafts [www.tntech.edu/craftcenter](http://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter)

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking  
[www.dogwoodwoodworking.com](http://www.dogwoodwoodworking.com)

## **Woodturning Instructors**

The following GAW club members give private woodturning instruction in their own shops. Contact them for more information.

### **Frank Bowers**

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